

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

November 2004

CATEGORY	NOV 2004	NOV 2003	YTD 04	YTD 03
CSEPP INCIDENTS	7	0	46	36
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	8	13
FIRE	27	61	360	498
HAZMAT	139	104	1798	1591
OTHER	21	30	248	235
911 OUTAGES	2	3	27	31
SAR	44	33	554	565
TERRORIST	0	0	0	1
WEATHER	6	6	66	51
CGS INCIDENTS	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	246	237	3108	3021

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- As of November 1, the National Threat Warning continued at threat level orange for financial institutions on the East Coast and as a result, the state Emergency Operation Center (EOC) continued to monitor the event at Phase II Enhanced Operations. The Threat Level for the east coast was reduced to "Elevated" (yellow) on November 10 with no known impact, however, the state EOC remained at Phase II Enhanced Operations due to activity at Mount Saint Helens.

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- On November 1, the National weather Service continued the Gale Warning for the marine waters of Camano Island to Point Roberts. The Gale Warning ended on November 2nd as the weather system moved out of state.
- On November 1, The National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for the rivers in King, Snohomish and Mason Counties. The Flood Watch ended on November 2nd as the weather system moved out of state.
- On November 8, a search was conducted in Okanogan County for a missing 40 year-old male near Tonasket. Aircraft support from the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) was requested to attempt to locate the individual's car. The subject was located deceased on November 19.
- On November 9, a search was conducted in Kitsap County for a missing 10 year-old female near Brownsville. Additional resources (Dog teams and Ground Searchers) were coordinated from Mason, Thurston, King and Pierce Counties. The subject was located later the next day in good condition.
- On November 13, a search was conducted in Lewis County for a missing 64 year-old male mushroom picker near Winlock. Additional resources were coordinated from Cowlitz and Pierce Counties. The subject was located later that morning in good condition.
- On November 14, a search was conducted in Mason County for a missing teenager who fell into Hammersley Inlet near Shelton. Additional resources were coordinated from Pierce County. The subject was located later that evening in stable condition.
- On November 15, a search was conducted at Mount Rainier National Park for a missing adult. Additional dog teams were coordinated from Pierce County to assist in the search. The search was suspended late in November with no signs of the missing individual.
- On November 17, a new storm front approached Washington State, prompting the National Weather Service, Seattle to issue a Gale Warning for the marine waters of Camano Island to Point Roberts and a series of High Wind Watches for the Washington Coast and inland Puget Sound Counties. A High Surf Advisory

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was issued for the entire Washington coast. This weather system expired without incident on the evening of November 18.

- On November 23, the National Weather Service issued a Flood Watch for King, Mason, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom counties. The Flood Watch developed into Flood Warnings on November 24 for the Nooksack, Skagit, Stillaguamish, Bogachiel, Skykomish, Snoqualmie, Skokomish and Tolt rivers. At 1515 hours November 24th the Flood Warnings for the Skagit, Skykomish, Tolt and the Skokomish Rivers were terminated. At 1550 hours, November 24th the Flood Warnings were terminated for the Stillaguamish River. All warnings were canceled by 1310 on November 26. No state resources were requested. However, Seattle Corps of Engineers assisted Whatcom County in an active flood fight on Hampton Road along the Nooksack River near Lynden. Due to this active flood fight, Whatcom County executed a Proclamation of Emergency.
- On November 24, a search was conducted in Pierce County in the waters off Salmon Beach in Tacoma for a possible individual in distress. Additional resources were coordinated from Thurston County to assist. After an extensive search by air, ground and water units of Tacoma PD, FD, Pierce and Thurston County SAR teams, no victim was found and the search was suspended.
- For the month of November, 2004 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 61 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 39 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 617 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 11 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 23 exercises of which 16 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1052 and answered 1278 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1,728 National Warning System Tests, conducted 263 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)

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- Conducted 53 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)
- Conducted 7 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 11 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)
- Conducted 34 down wind trajectory connectivity communications tests with the Umatilla Military Storage Depot (D2PUFF)